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**Update for the Tuberculosis Control Rulemaking
Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), Title 9, Chapter 6, Article 12**

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 36-721 states that the Arizona Department of Health Services (Department) shall adopt rules to prescribe reasonable and necessary measures related to tuberculosis control, reporting, and medical care. The Department has established rules to implement A.R.S. § 36-721 for tuberculosis control, reporting, and medical care in 9 A.A.C. 6, Article 12.

During a recent review of the rules in 9 A.A.C. 6, the Department determined that the rules in Article 12 concerning tuberculosis required revision. The Department had initiated a rulemaking to add and amend definitions; amend requirements for local health agencies and correctional facilities; add requirements for health care providers, health care institutions, clinical laboratories, and shelters; and amend and update standards of medical care.

Due to the [Governor's Memorandum](#), Regulatory Review Plan, dated January 22, 2009, and published in the *Arizona Administrative Register*, 15 A.A.R. 4, page 241, all action on this rulemaking has been suspended until after April 30, 2009.

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